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SUBJECT: GDR PROPOSES FISHERIES RESEARCH AGREEMENT

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GDR EMBASSY PRESENTED DRAFT BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN THE AREA OF FISHERIES RESEARCH TO EUR/CE DIRECTOR ANDERSON FEBRUARY 27. MR. LORRY NKATSU, DIRECTOR OF THE OES'S OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

2. GDR DRAFT CALLS FOR SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN BOTH FISHERIES RESEARCH AND IN MORE PRACTICAL AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FISHING GEAR AND IN FISH PROCESSING TECHNIQUES, ALL IN THE NORTHEAST ATLANTIC. COPY HAS BEEN POUCHED TO EMBASSY BERLIN.

3. NAKATSU INFORMED GDR DCM THAT PROPOSAL APPEARED INTERESTING AND THAT US WOULD TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, NAKATSU NOTED THAT WE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO THIS PROPOSAL AT THE PRESENT TIME. NAKATSU STRESSED THAT THE 200-MILE OFFSHORE FISHERIES BILL PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE-HOUSE COMMITTEE WOULD, IF PASSED, REQUIRE US TO RE-EXAMINE ALL OF ITS

FISHERIES AGREEMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER NATIONS. AS THE GDR IS ALREADY A MEMBER OF ICNAF, ITS OFFSHORE FISHING ACTIVITIES WILL BE STUDIED ALONG WITH THOSE OF OTHER ICNAF MEMBERS TO SEE WHETHER THE COMMISSION MEETS THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE NEW US LAW, ASSUMING THAT IT IS FINALLY APPROVED. AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES THAT DID NOT CONFORM TO THE LAW WOULD HAVE TO BE TERMINATED OR RENEGOTIATED. IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING ENACTMENT OF 200-MILE LEGISLATION UNDER WHICH THE US WOULD EXERCISE FISHERIES JURISDICTION IN THE ZONE, MANY NATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE GDR ARE SEEKING FISHERIES AGREEMENTS AND THE USG SIMPLY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS THESE PROPOSALS UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW FIRST ALL EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS. MOREOVER, THE USG WAS ALREADY FULLY SCHEDULED FOR REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE THIS YEAR.

4. ELM RESPONDED THAT THE GDR WAS AWARE OF THIS SITUATION BUT FELT PRESSED TO INSURE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF FISHING RIGHTS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC WHICH ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE GDR. ANDERSON AND NAKATSU NOTED THE US ALSO HOPED THAT THE GDR WOULD CEASE ITS HERRING FISHING OFF THE WASHINGTON STATE COAST BECAUSE OF

CONSERVATION PROBLEMS, ADDING THAT CONTINUATION OF SUCH FISHING COULD HAVE SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US PUBLIC OPINION AND TURN PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST ANY EVENTUAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR. AT THIS POINT ELM RESPONDED THAT THE GDR HAD ALREADY AGREED TO CATCH RESTRICTIONS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC (IN ICNAF) AND WAS NOW BEING TOLD TO STOP A FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE PACIFIC WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE US REFUSED TO ENTER INTO A BILATERAL AGREEMENT. ELM EMPHASIZED THAT THE GDR WAS NOW PROPOSING TO CONCLUDE A SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT, NOT A FISHERIES AGREEMENT. ELM THEN SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE GDR PROPOSAL COULD BE HELD BETWEEN US AND GDR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE FORTHCOMING LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. NAKATSU RESPONDED THAT GDR PROPOSAL STILL CONSTITUTED AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO FISHERIES AND UNTIL THE PROBLEM PRESENTED BY THE POSSIBLE ENACTMEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF THE 200-MILE LEGISLATION WAS RESOLVED WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND. HOWEVER, WE WOULD TAKE THEIR PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION. AS FOR HOLDING DISCUSSIONS AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, HE OBSERVED THAT THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WOULD BE VERY CROWDED AND IN ANY EVENT DISCUSSIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE STRICTLY INFORMAL IF THEY TOOK PLACE AT ALL.

5. FYI: USG HAS RECEIVED TO DATE REQUESTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES TO CONCLUDE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS:

REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN), SPAIN, BULGARIA, ITALY, WEST GERMANY AND GDR. USG'S RESPONSE TO THESE REQUESTS HAS ESSENTIALLY BEEN NEGATIVE DUE TO REASONS CITED ABOVE IN THIS MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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